

From Bro Isaac Leedy we learn that the Ankneytown church decided at its business meeting to donate \$10.00 to the Mansfield Mission. Evidently Mansfield is a good point, and our people ought to give it attention commensurate with its importance.

"The miserable misery makers" discoursed on by Bro. Orr in last EVANGELIST is a look at the ugly side of human nature in people who act as though they thought sin is always in the "other fellow". If you haven't read it yet, get the paper and read a half column. Then if you can stop before reading to the close do so.

Such results as Sister Hildeband reports of the Garrison members in last EVANGELIST, and as Bro. Henry Kizer reports in this issue are what may be had in almost any community where the same fidelity to truth is maintained. There are few who seem to possess enough of the grace of God to let their light shine in "dark places". God bless you, dear faithful, valiant soldiers; being faithful over a few things will by and by make you ruler over many.

After a ride of thirty miles last Sunday Brother Haskins met the church in a College class room in business session, and at 7:30 preached a stirring sermon on "Lightening the ship." At the business meeting the Illikota plan of church organization was adopted, and the next Saturday prior to Love Feast ballots will be cast for one deacon and for committees of three on following departments of work: Finances, Preaching, Poor and Sick, Erring members, and Auxiliary organizations and societies, and for two delegates to the State Conference, June 6-9 at W. Alexandria.

We took the pains last week to write a letter to all of the subscribers who have failed thus far to renew for 1894. When it is known that the paper has never yet paid expenses, and that it has been enlarged and improved in form this year, and that the reputation of the church depends more upon the literature it puts out than anything else, it is impossible for us to see how *any one* not a church charge can excuse himself from supporting the church paper. The church to all intent and purpose has taken possession of the plant by appointing its editor and prescribing rules for his guidance in conducting the paper. It is possible the business and editorial management could be better, for man does nothing so well but what it might be done better; but notwithstanding this we know the management might be much worse. But what we wanted to say when we started out on this item is, if you know any in your congregation who are not now taking the paper will you not try and induce them to do so? The price from June 1st, is 85 cents. From July 1st, 75.

Would you like to see a real loving, enthusiastic, working band of members? Then come to Ashland.

If all is well we expect to be on the Annual Meeting grounds, 29th and 30th inst. We hereby notify our brethren there that if any of them have a corner left in their homes for that occasion that they save it for us.

Brother Thorley's of Fair Haven visited the Ashland city church last Sunday morning and listened to the editor preach.

Hard work on the farm, sun, air, and dust have given Prof. Bailey all the marks of a typical granger. So far the Devil has not succeeded in getting him to work so hard through the week that he was too tired to attend church on Sunday.

Through the kindness of Brother Ed. Kilhefner our pastor and his family had a very pleasant visit with the members in the country last week. They all came home looking fresh as new potatoes, and talking as though they would go again—when they have an opportunity.

Through the kindness of Brother Hauk our pastor was enabled to attend the communion at Homerville last Saturday evening, and to preach for the Fair Haven church on Sunday morning. He reports very pleasant meetings at both places. Between seventy and eighty communed.

MILFORD, IND., May 12th, 1894.

Brother Harrison: You can publish the name of Mrs. Lesh of Nappanee, Ind., as giving *Five Dollars* towards paying the Publishing House debt. She sent this amount to Brother Rowland to day.

Yours,

G. W. RENCH.

The Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road is making a most commendable effort to accommodate the German Baptist Brethren desiring to attend their annual meeting at Meyersdale, May 29th. A *special* train leaving Chicago May 25th at 2:55 P. M., arriving at Meyersdale the following noon, will be run. The rate made is one first class limited fare for the round trip. This is very liberal when it is considered that Meyersdale is not a competitive point with any other road.

This week Brother Haskins preaches for the church at North Liberty prior to their communion on Friday night, and next Tuesday evening he will begin a protracted effort at Hudson, Iowa. We can assure those for whom he labors that if they will exercise just half the faith and zeal of Bro. H. that the harvest will be bounteous; but they must not expect the impossible. Even Jesus could not do many mighty works in *some* places. Churches have no moral right to ask a man to labor for them unless they will cooperate with him in every possible way.

The report of the California conference we commend to reporters of all other conferences. Most of what are sent to us are entirely too long to be appreciated by our readers. No report should cover over six pages of fool's cap paper.

While this is not a paper for discussing political economy, it is a subject which greatly affects our work, and we give it as our opinion that panics will come just so long as debts are contracted to be paid in money.

The program of the Ohio Sunday school and church convention is on page 316 (12). It was sent to us on the 5th inst. and should have appeared in the last EVANGELIST, but like some more matter in this number was "crowded out." The convention will assemble June 6th and remain in session three days. We hope to see a large representation of brethren there. Remember that it does not take much brains nor religion to stay at home and complain of what is done at business meetings of the home church, of the state, or the national.

The Ashland city church decided at its business meeting 6th instant to appoint a committee to ask citizens of Ashland to lodge and breakfast the members of the National Conference. Dinner and Supper will be served in the free Boarding Hall at 25 cents per meal, and it is intended to give the full worth of the money charged for these meals. We want a large attendance at the conference, and shall do all in our power to make you stay pleasant, profitable and inexpensive. No. 22 will be a "special conference" number, and then we shall have more to say on the subject.

We understand it is the purpose of the Brethren's Publishing Co., of Mt Morris, Ill., and of the Brethren's Book and Tract work Dayton, Ohio, to consolidate and locate in Chicago. If this is done it will at once put the Chicago church upon a permanent footing, as well as give the editor some *practical* knowledge of what it takes to build up churches in cities. We are glad to see our brethren awakening to the importance of establishing churches in centers of population. There is no disputing it, cities are the world's gateways. In country districts boundaries are reached, and there it is said you do well if you "hold your own." Cities are different. Their population is always on the increase. In the city you can reach all nationalities and tongues under your church roof. The noble, self-sacrificing band of brethren in Philadelphia are doing a work that will tell more in ultimate results than ten times their number where there is neither much to gain nor much to lose. While it takes more time and money to get a start in cities, once established, you can almost lie down upon "the bosom of the tide" and the growing multitudes will bear you on from victory to victory.